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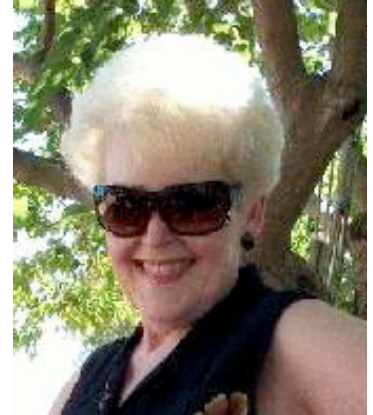
May 2008

**Congratulations**  
to all the members of the  
IDX Convention committee  
for an outstanding job

59 years  
and going strong  
and  
60 is just around the corner

## FROM THE PREZ

**What a great convention!! I personally had the time of my life. Having the privilege of representing the SCDXC as president was truly an honor. So many friends that you only see once a year, and so many more that you just met and look forward to seeing next year.**



**The activities were numerous. Good presentations, good vendor representation, lots of prizes, a great BBQ, golf for the sportsmen, and a full day of fun for the ladies tour. Any spare moment that one could find was filled visiting old and new friends. By the time Wayne and I arrived home, I felt we had been on the go for a solid week.**

**This wonderful weekend was the result of a full year of planning by the convention committee. All committee members had a job at the convention. Whatever you did, or wherever you went, they were there. That, my friends, is called dedication and commitment. Be sure to say “thank you” the next time you see any of them.**

**Did everyone get their shot at working Clipperton? How could you not with conditions being as good as they were. Our very own members, Bob Grimmick, N6OX, and Arnie Shatz, N6HC, have returned safe and sound, and probably already thinking about their next one. There was a presentation at Visalia, but I am sure we will have our own from both of the guys at a later club meeting.**

**It is never too soon to recommend you put a couple of dates on your calendar. The annual SCDXC picnic will be on June 21 at Woodley Park, and the Summer Bash will be on August 24 at the Spring's ('IRD's) home. You can also check out the information on our club website.**

**Until next time, I wish you all a good life and great Dxing!**

**88's,**

**Sharon Spring, K6IRD  
President**

# DA VEEP



## Hello Fellow DX'ers...

By the time many of you may read this – it may be old news. But right now I am sitting with my bags packed ready to head out in a few days to the DX Convention in Visalia! It looks like I will be seeing many of you there. This promises to be the best convention ever and with all the hard work and hours put in by many – I can't see how it could be anything but great!

Although there is no meeting for April – The May presentation is already set. For the May meeting - we will be having ARRL Los Angeles Section Manager... Phineas J. Icenbice Jr. W6BF as our guest speaker. Phineas always puts together a great presentation... sure to please everyone! Once again... look for a variety of snacks provided by my wife Sharon - KF6WQU. Looks like she will be doing a theme to "Mom's" for May... So bring your other half along.

I would also like to remind you of our picnic in Woodley Park in June on Saturday the 21st. It's always a great day with good food, story telling and good time had by all. Mark your calendars now and please come join us!

73 Everyone!

Tom Paquette N6OT

Vice President – SCDXC

# DAYTON

You may have watched us the past couple years. We broadcast live streaming video and audio of the worlds largest hamradio convention. It is the Dayton Hamvention in Dayton , Ohio. Hams from all over the world come to this each year. We are looking forward to broadcasting again in just 2 weeks. For now we have recorded video running on our website. There is also a chat room for hams all over the world to chat and have fun. We have been viewed in over 150 countries.

The site is active now and you may check it out. The address is <http://wa5kub.com> <<http://wa5kub.com/>> or <http://w5kub.com> <<http://w5kub.com/>> .When we start our convoy to hamvention we will switch over to live broadcast. Also please note that our broadcast begins 2 days earlier than the hamvention. We actually broadcast our drive in the car LIVE for the 550 miles that we drive from Memphis, Tennessee to Dayton, Ohio. We also have a "helmet cam" that we wear every where we go. That means you see us when we go to eat , when we stop for gas or just about everything.

The broadcast is live 24 hours a day at hamvention as we set up outside in the flea market. If you cant go, have your ham friends come by our spaces 3350-3351 and wave back to you. It will be fun.

Please spread the word to everyone. here is our schedule:

Begin the convoy to hamvention on Wednesday May 14 at 1300 gmt or 0800 AM Central time. It is a 10 hour drive. We set up our flea market spaces at hamvention on Thursday May 15 at approx 1400 GMT. The hamventions begins on Friday morning May 16, We drive back to memphis after hamvention ends on Sunday May 18.

Remember you can go to <http://wa5kub.com> <<http://wa5kub.com/>> or <http://w5kub.com> <<http://w5kub.com/>> right now and chat with other hams around the world and watch some recorded videos of hamfest.

Also see lots of ham radio pictures at <http://tmedlin.com/dayton.html>

I hope to see you at hamvention. 73, Tom W5KUB

Dear Friends,

It's a Great Pleasure to **Announce Officially** the **VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND 2008** Amateur Radio DXpedition It's Another "Ambitious" Adventure DXpedition by DXciting  
Dates: From July 8th until July 20th  
The Crew: MARQ/VK9XWW (CT1BWW), JOHN/VK9XHZ(EA3GHZ), HENRY/VK9XOR (EA5EOR) , DINA/VK9XME (EC5BME)  
Stations: 3 Stations (1 High-power 2 barefoot)  
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QSL Card: via EA4URE direct or by Bureau.  
There is a Special DXpedition Christmas Island Award  
The official Web site is: <http://www.dxciting.com/vk9x/>

The team is looking for helps, contributions and SPONSORS for cover the big costs of this Dx-pedition

Please visit the above Web page for details.

We wish that you enjoy the DXpedition as much we do! 73s

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**TO4G, GLORIOSO ISLAND (Postponed Again).** Didier, F5OGL, Gloriosos 2008

team leader, announced (edited): "The operation for Glorioso 2008 must be delayed for some weeks. The HQ of the south zone of the Indian ocean informed us that this is due to the fact that important works of facilities will take place on the island. During two and a half months, at the beginning of June, anti-cyclonic shelters will be built to protect the military personnel, long with some equipment for the weather station. Due to the number of persons who will be on the island during the same period, we decided with the HQ of force of the south zone of the Indian Ocean to do this DXpedition when these works will be ended. The exact dates will be defined according to the operational occupation of the military transport in this region but we hope to accomplish this operation at the end of September or the beginning of October. This leaves us the time to improve our preparations and, we thank you all those who contributed to the realization of this plan and firstly the military authorities of the Reunion Island, and our financial and equipment sponsors." For more details and updates for the upcoming Glorioso Island (Glorieuses - AF-011) DXpedition, visit the Web site at:

<http://glorieuses2008.free.fr>



FYI

**From:** MM0DFV <[mm0dfv@scotham.net](mailto:mm0dfv@scotham.net)>

**Conversation:** Island Hopping from West Scotland - MS0EPC and MS0DGR

On **3-4 May 2008** a few guys from Glasgow are going on a speedy boat to activate a few islands in the Firth of Clyde, all of them are IOTA EU-123. This is a good opportunity to work some rare islands for IOSA and SCOTIA awards. Team is MM0DFV, GM0WRR, MM0GDL and hopefully GM4TOQ. We are not sure yet which islands will be activated, it depends on the weather condition and other circumstances. Callsign **MS0EPC** will be used for PSK contacts, and **MS0DGR** - for other modes. Each island would be visited for about 2 - 3 hours. Separate full colour QSL-card will be printed for each island. Hopefully they will be - Horse Island (SC21), Lady Island (SC28), Ailsa Craig Island (SC28), Pladda Island (SC21), Inchmarnock Island (SC04) and Little Cumbrae Island (SC21). Some of them are OK for lighthouse chasers - ARLHS and WLOTA. All QSL-cards should be sent via MM0DFV (both Bureau and Direct are accepted). We are taking quite light portable antennas and radios, nothing fancy, 100 Watts output power. Boat captain is Davie MM0GDL, PSK and CW "working horse" is myself MM0DFV, PSK and SSB - John GM0WRR, and our "Papa" is Alan GM4TOQ - SSB, most wise man and Chief of the Tribe.

<[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Holy\\_Loch\\_06.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Holy_Loch_06.jpg)>

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## From CQ

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| CQ National Fox Hunt | May  | 2nd or 3rd full wknd | <a href="http://www.homingin.com">www.homingin.com</a> >                 |
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| CQWW VHF             | July | 3rd full wknd        | <a href="http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com">www.cq-amateur-radio.com</a> > |
| CQWW RTTY DX         | Sept | 4th full wknd        | <a href="http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com">www.cq-amateur-radio.com</a> > |
| CQWW DX / SSB        | Oct  | Last full wknd       | <a href="http://www.cqww.com">www.cqww.com</a> >                         |
| CQWW DX / CW         | Nov  | Last full wknd       | <a href="http://www.cqww.com">www.cqww.com</a> >                         |

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I have an A-3WS by Cushcraft. It's a 3 element beam on 12 & 17 and a directional dipole on 30M, it rated at 1500W. It's been up for 5 1/2 years, but it's still bright and shines (the clean mountain air has a lot to do with that) and works 100%.

Best offer takes it. BTW, it's pickup only in Placerville.

e-mail or call me at (530) 672-2885

Thanks for reading.....de Rick,W6SR

# The Editor



A great time was had by all and those that did not, have no one to blame. I really enjoyed myself this year. In the past I would try to see all and do all, then go back home and have the Doc chew me out for not resting enough. This year I deliberately found people I didn't know and sat with them. I didn't learn much about, how to snag that next one, but I learned something about them. The couple who travel to China, the guy who lives in Taiwan, XE1V, Lorne, who just got off the plane from Shanghai. So many different sides of the folks we call DXers.

And just what is a DXer, a guy who lives in the desert and chases coyote, or the one who sells gems in other countries, or, is it the guy who lives, breathes, eats chasing that next one. All of us have a hobby, just a hobby folks and we work hard to improve our selves, improve our equipment and improve the opportunity to snare that distant station with a quick 59. Visalia has it all, maybe not 20,000 people like Dayton but we have a friendship and comradeship of folks from all over the world.

The dues to all this is a cheap price to pay for the bennies the club does provide. The Bash, the Picnic, the Holiday Party, and don't forget the granddaddy of DX conventions, VISALIA. I didn't mention the prizes that we get for a small raffle donation, all we ask is that you have an interest in DX and do your best whatever that is.

Not long ago Dave, W6AQ wrote an article about **WHAT HAPPENED TO SO AND SO. HE HASN'T BEEN TO A MEETING LATELY.** I don't know, but it seems to be a common problem among clubs. Some people have other interests or have a different job or who knows. Do we need to look at other means of making this club better?

Over the years people drift to other activities and don't renew. Mel, K6SY our Membership Chairman has really worked hard to provide us with an accurate and up to date roster. This is in addition to his Co-Chair of Visalia. That's the dedication we need to make this club better and greater. Atta way Mel.

Sooo, a better club comes from **you** the members. I am Steve Shane, W6NRQ and this is my story, what is yours? Send me your ideas and I will print them.

73----Bye the way, I am late because I had some cardiac stents installed last Tuesday. I am not fully recovered, but the show must go on. Hi HI

## CRUISE SHIP DXING

By NK6A



My vacations are usually centered around outdoor activities. Hiking, canoeing and operating portable with a QRP rig. I always manage to take along a small portable radio. The last few years the radio of choice has been the Elecraft KX1. It is small, lightweight and able to operate on internal batteries with a built in antenna tuner. A real joy to stuff in a backpack with a roll of wire and headphones. I can be set up in minutes just about anywhere there is a tree or support.

(My operating position in Banff while hiking with the KX1).

Packing with the current security measure in place can be challenging and frightful. You just never know. I have flown many times with my radio and antennas and always place antenna wire and coax in my checked suitcase. They go in large plastic zip bags with a note inside. The radio and spare batteries go in my carry on bag.

My last vacation was a New England- Canadian cruise. No problem. I would just operate from shore. Bar Harbor, Maine. No problem. Halifax, and Sydney Nova Scotia. Same. I always found a park or playground near the ship to throw a wire over a tree limb and get on the air. I was getting very good at touring new cities and setting up for a 30 – 45 minute stint before the ship pulled anchor.

### High seas Hamshack

The open seas were calling, however, and I knew that I would have to operate from ship. After all, the water ground was crying out for a chance at chasing DX with my three watts. I planned ahead and wrote a letter to the captain explaining my desire to operate from on board. I presented the letter to the purser's office and waited. I explained that I would not interfere with passengers or the safety of the ship. I further explained that I knew the rules and would operate per the current rules of the ship's registry (Holland). A day later I received a phone call from the captains office granting me permission to operate while only at sea. Perfect. I also received an official letter with the same information. I found a perfect spot on the 10th deck by the pool on the stern during the first dinner seating. The place was empty.

10th deck by the pool 6 PM local time



I set up a PAC-12 on a tripod and spread the radials under deck chairs on either side of my position. I operated 20M and worked many stations. I was signing PA/NK6A/MM2. Good thing for memory keying. The ship, the MS Maasdam, was sailing up the Saint Lawrence Seaway toward Quebec. I was in Ham heaven. A beautiful day. Great signals. I was able to operate two days while at sea. Once while sailing in the Saquenay Fjord and again while transitioning into the St Lawrence towards Quebec.

A few people were curious as to what I was doing but for the most part I was left alone. I did meet one passenger from Australia who was also a Ham. I managed to work a few DX stations on 20 meters; EA6, 9A4, S59 and an OK1. I heard many more stations.

PA/NK6A/MM2

My wife and I spent a few extra days in Montreal where I also set up shop in the hotel room for late night operating on 40M. Our days were spent walking the city and seeing the sights. I had no problems with re-entering the US and customs. I had a good trip plus a bonus of operating from new places. Look for me this year back in the Canadian Rockies signing portable VE6.



## IOTA NEWS

The IOTA net meets on 14260 kHz at 1300 UTC on Saturdays and on 21260 at 1300 UTC on Sundays. The following frequencies are considered as the meeting place for Island chasers: CW - 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10114, 7030 and 3530 kHz; SSB - 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 14260, 7055 and 3765 kHz.

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Mauritania (5T5DC) <<http://www.5t2008.de/index.html>>  
Rwanda (9XØR) <<http://www.9x0r.com>>  
Sable Island (CYØZZ) <<http://www.sabledx.com>>  
Palestine (E4) <<http://www.om2dx.com/e4.html>>  
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Glorioso-FR/G <<http://glorieuses2008.free.fr/>>  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

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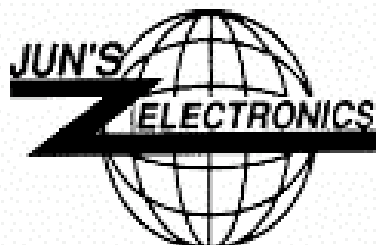
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